

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) East Lexington

Address 33 Brandon Street

Historic Name John & Elizabeth Kenego House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1925

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Bungalow

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim wood clapboards, wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) date? - enclosure of
front porch

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 7,582 SF

Setting 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

BUILDING FORM (33 Brandon Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Resting on a brick foundation, 33 Brandon Street is a 1 1/2-story side-gabled Bungalow which is sheathed in wide wood clapboards on the first floor with wood shingles above. The asphalt-shingled roof displays overhanging eaves which are supported by triangular braces on the equilateral side gables and exposed rafters on the lateral eaves. The front and rear full-width shed dormers are wood shingled with the same triangular braces. Emerging from the rear roof slope is a brick chimney with a concrete cap. Projecting from the facade, the full-width, shed-roofed porch is two bays wide and is now enclosed with continuous 1/1 windows separated by pilasters resting on a wall. Underneath the porch the sidehall entrance is flanked by sidelights. The adjacent tripartite window consists of a central 6/1 window flanked by 4/1 sash. Remaining windows consist of 6/1, paired and individual as well as 3 x 2-light sash. The side porch displays a glass-and-panel door.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Located walking distance from the East Lexington Railroad Station, this house was constructed in 1925 for John and Elizabeth Kenego. The 1925 Lexington Valuation List assesses John Kenego of 70 Clarendon Street in Somerville for lots 112 & 113 in the ELA (East Lexington Associates) subdivision. The following year the list includes an assessment for Elizabeth Kenego at 16 Brandon Street for a house valued at \$4500 and the same two lots totaling 7,582 square feet, confirming the construction of the house. Directories indicate that John Kenego was employed as a floorlayer. The Kenegos continued to occupy the house until the late 1930s.

Later owners of the house included Marshall Boyer in the early 1940s, Henry and Louise Connor (c.1960-70), John and Hilde Heaton (1970-1975), Jeffrey and Marilyn Albert (1975-1978), and James and Susan Clawson (1978-1981). The present owners purchased the property in 1981.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
Sanborn Maps of Lexington, 1927, 1935.

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